

As I sit here answering these opinions I am disgusted that in 2019 this is still an issue in our country. Simply to me abortion is murder to me and at the time of conception our higher power wanted for some reason to have sperm and egg unite, there are no mistakes. Let me explain my thoughts.

Why would a person or couple decide to end a pregnancy?

Shame? Rape? Incest? Older Couple? Potential Handicap or early death? . I'll break it down on how I feel.

Shame: A young girl and boy find out that their fun time has now produced a pregnancy. To tell mom and dad will be too hard due to the pride of the family and "what would people think?" mind set. A need for focusing on the parents and family acceptance needs to be at the for front here. There is no shame to a human life.

Rape: The fact is that when a woman is raped a high percentage of victims decide to keep the child and raise it in a loving home. However low-income families often see a new child as a unforeseen expense. With aid and education again, it might be possible to show a value of life scenario. With rape too a woman might think that the baby is all DNA from the father when again only one sixth of the DNA comes from the man. You must consider the entire chain of parents and grandparents DNA. This information might ease the pain and shine a little love on the situation. I know a woman that was raped and kept the child, he is a fine young man today and the mother is a very happy woman for deciding not to abort her child.

Incest: This is the hardest one for me to wrap my head around. After some research I found out that 70% of incest victims decide to keep the baby or give up for adoption. That surprised me very much. Importunely a pregnancy in the inceptual relations might be just the thing to expose the situation legally and open up communications for healing and a positive way to move forward.

Older Couples; The surprise pregnancy happens from time to time and unfortunately disrupts the future for older adults. Again, education on the value of life and the ever-growing area for adoption.

Handicap and early death: The doctor tell the family that the baby will have downs or even have a chance to be severely handicapped at birth. This is where the support group really must step in and show how wonderful even if handicapped a child can be. God will not give a person more then they can handle and as I have witnessed more times than none the miracle is just that a true joy.

In Summary: Life begins at inception and to end that life in or out of the womb is murder and should be treated that way. We live in a world where the law says we must wear seatbelts when in an automobile to protect our lives, in a world where 40,000 people die each month from using tobacco products but that is okay because it gets taxed. A government that cares about Life? Which ones?

The higher power oversees all including all births and all deaths.

Thanks for your time and consideration.

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